

## BRITISH COLUMBIA: DEMOGRAPHICS AND ECONOMIC DATA

### Demographics<sup>i</sup>

<b>Population (2019)</b>	5,071,336 (British Columbia is the third most populous of the 13 Canadian provinces and territories) <sup>ii</sup>
<b>Languages (2016)</b>	The two official languages of British Columbia are English and French. The population reports the following mother tongues: English: 68.9% French: 1.2% Non-official language: 27.6% (The most common, in order of prevalence, are: Punjabi (4.3%), Cantonese (4.2%), Mandarin (4.1%), Tagalog (1.7%), and German (1.5%)) Multiple: 2.2%
<b>Ethnic Makeup (2016)</b>	The 10 most prevalent ethnic groups in British Columbia are: English: 26.4%; Canadian: 19%; Scottish: 18.9%; Irish: 14.8%; German: 13.2%; Chinese: 11.8%; French: 8.5%; Indian: 6.8%; Ukrainian: 5.0%; First Nations: 4.8%
<b>Immigration (2016)<sup>iii</sup></b>	28.3% of population are immigrants  The most common country of origin for recent immigrants are: China: 21.7% India: 15.6% Philippines: 15.2%
<b>GDP (purchasing power parity, in 2018 US dollars)<sup>iv</sup></b>	171.2 billion
<b>GDP Per Capita (purchasing power parity, in 2018 US dollars)</b>	46,290
<b>Unemployment Rate (May 2020)<sup>v</sup></b>	13.4%, compared to 13.7% in Canada overall (In January 2020, prior to the coronavirus pandemic, the unemployment rate was 4.5% in British Columbia, compared to 5.5% in Canada overall)
<b>Educational Attainment, Highest Level Attained by Adults Ages 25-64 (2018)<sup>vi</sup></b>	Below upper secondary: 6% Upper secondary or post-secondary, non-tertiary (e.g., apprenticeship / trades certificate): 38% Tertiary: 56%

## Economic Data

### GDP, composition by industry sector (2018):<sup>vii</sup>

- Real estate, rental, and leasing: 17.4%
- Wholesale and retail trade: 10.0%
- Construction: 8.6%
- Health care and social assistance: 7.1%
- Manufacturing: 7.1%
- Transportation and warehousing: 6.6%
- Professional, scientific, and technical services: 6.3%
- Finance and insurance: 5.9%
- Natural resources: 5.7%
- Public administration: 5.5%
- Education services: 5.2%
- Other: 14.7%

### Employment, by industry sector (2018):<sup>viii</sup>

- Goods: 20.1%
  - Construction: 9.6%
  - Manufacturing: 7.0%
  - Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil, and gas: 2.0%
  - Agriculture: 0.9%
  - Utilities: 0.6%
- Services: 79.9%
  - Wholesale and retail trade: 14.8%
  - Health care and social assistance: 13%
  - Professional, scientific, and technical services: 8.4%
  - Accommodation and food services: 7.5%
  - Education services: 6.8%
  - Finance, insurance, real estate, and leasing: 6%
  - Transportation and warehousing: 5.4%
  - Information, culture, and recreation: 5.1%
  - Other services (except public administration): 4.7%
  - Public administration: 4.2%
  - Business, building, and other support services: 4%

### Labor market outlook: 2019-2029<sup>ix</sup>

*Top industries, by projected employment growth rate, 2019-2029*

- Professional, scientific, and technical services: 1.9%
- Health care and social assistance: 1.7%
- Information, culture, and recreation: 1.6%
- Accommodation and food services: 1.5%
- Business, building, and other support services: 1.1%

- Transportation and warehousing: 1.0%
- Educational services: 0.9%
- Retail trade: 0.8%
- Finance, insurance, and real estate: 0.5%
- Construction: 0.2%

*Top occupations, by project employment growth rate, 2019-2029*

- Nurses' aides, orderlies, and patient service associates: 2.1%
- Cooks: 1.5%
- Food counter attendants, kitchen helpers, and related support occupations: 1.5%
- Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses: 1.3%
- Administrative officers: 1.0%
- Janitors, caretakers, and building superintendents: 1.0%
- General office support workers: 0.9%
- Transport truck drivers: 0.9%
- Retail salespersons: 0.8%
- Retail and wholesale trade managers: 0.8%

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tb11/en/tv.action?pid=1710013701>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/canadian-provinces-and-territories-by-population.html>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://newtobc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Vancouver-Immigrant-Demographic-Profile-2018.pdf>

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<https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2019/02/weodata/weorept.aspx?sy=2017&ey=2024&scsm=1&ssd=1&sor t=country&ds=.&br=1&pr1.x=74&pr1.y=6&c=156&s=NGDPD%2CNGDPDPC&grp=0&a=>

<sup>v</sup> <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/200207/dq200207a-eng.htm>

<sup>vi</sup> <https://data.oecd.org/eduatt/adult-education-level.htm>

<sup>vii</sup> <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/government-finances/financial-economic-review/financial-economic-review-2019.pdf>

<sup>viii</sup> [https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/content\\_pieces-eng.do?cid=14562&lang=eng](https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/content_pieces-eng.do?cid=14562&lang=eng)

<sup>ix</sup> <https://www.workbc.ca/Labour-Market-Information/Regional-Profiles/British-Columbia#bc-labour-market-outlook>